

A  
MEMORIAL  
OF THE  
KINGDOM  
OF OUR  
Lord Jesus Christ  
NEAR APPROACHING;

Declaring according to *Prophecy*, and Advising upon the State of Princes and Nations, and of these Nations in particular, what our *Israel* ought to do, in Order to it; Most Humbly, and yet with the Authority of *Sacred Prophecy*, Presented to the KING, and to the QUEEN, and to the *High Court of Parliament*, and to All the Judges of the Nation.

By T. Beverley, a most Humble Reader in the Prophecies of Jesus Christ.

**I**N the first place, I look upon it as my duty, to Produce my Credentials before so Awful an Authority, to whom all Honour, Reverence, and Humblest Obeisances according to the Ordinance of Christ, are from Me most due; Even as from Them unto the Author of Prophecy, The King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

The Credentials I Lay before this August Presence is; The Testimony of Jesus concerning Things yet to Come to Pass, however Receiv'd, is the Spirit of Prophecy. Revel. 19. 10.

The Angel, whose words these are, was the Premier Minister of Prophecy from Christ, to the Apocalyptical Apostle John; John would therefore have Worshipp'd Him; He Refus'd it upon this Account, beside other Great ones; The Testimony of Christ in Prophecy, Receiv'd by John, gave John an equal Character in the main with Himself, the Angel: Because the Principal Character in Prophecy is the Testimony of Jesus in any Point of Prophecy. A Even

Even so, whosoever are Guided by God into the True Sense of Scripture Prophecy are therefore, and so far as They have indeed the Mind of Christ in his Testimony, Equal, even with the Apostle, and with the Angel in the Spirit of Prophecy; Seeing the Testimony, and not the Ministry of the Testimony, is the Spirit of Prophecy; that is, not only of the Supreme, but of the Alone Authority; and All the Ministers in that Testimony are Brethren and Fellow Servants.

Now that God hath been pleas'd of his own Free Grace and Pleasure, and because so hath it Seemed Good in his Sight to vouchsafe to me, I Humbly, and Heartily Acknowledge to the Shame, and Confusion of my Face (before so Awful Supreme Powers on Earth), the Chiefest of Sinners; He hath been pleas'd on the most Earnest, and Constant Attendances upon the Prophecies of his Word for these Seven Years last past, by Meditation and Prayer, and by Compare of the Grandeur, and most Indubitable Revolutions of the World, to vouchsafe to me a Clear and Consistent Table of Prophetical Scripture, in Analogy to all Scripture, and to which Those Revolutions have Answer'd, even as Face Answers to Face in a Glass; So that Having such a perfect Scheme in Agreement with Event, I must needs have the same Assurance that I Have of the Analogy of Faith, so Admirably Consenting with all True Reason; Or that Anatomists have of the Compage of Humane Bodies, or Astronomers of the Heavens, Although I easily Acknowledge there is much more to be known, then I have Attain'd, or can Attain, although I press forward yet with all my Might.

I have therefore made several Appeals in publick to All the Learned in Scripture, in Chronology, in History, to shew the Inconsistencies of the Scheme in Any part, and have not yet Found Any, either so concern'd for some Injur'd Truth in any of Those Discourses, (besides the Charity due from Christians to Any one in Error) or for their own particular Sentiments, that would undertake to convince it of Absurdity; Although in the late Reign, One particular Printed Writing, Grounded on that Scheme, Immediately directed against the Roman Communion, Entitled, *The Call of God out of Babylon* was of so Publick a notice, as that some Books were seiz'd from my own Hand by the then Officers of the Press, and as they said, to be carried to the Council; And although I have presented some Parts of Them to the Bishops: Particularly, One call'd *The Reformation to be Reform'd*. And I still Place my self at the same Judgment Seat.

My Second Credential is, That of the Prophet *Jeremiah*; When the Word of the Prophet is Come to pass, Then shall it be known, that the Lord hath sent Him. I therefore Appeal to Three Great Events, wherein Providence hath Set to its Seal, that I have Truly Judged according to Grounds of Prophecy.

1. That I have Freely, and as Publickly as I could, declar'd, that when All Things seem'd to be moving towards it, It would be wholly

wholly Impossible to Re-Inslave these Nations, which were by the Reformation, such an Eminent Appearance of Christ from Heaven, Rescued from the *Papal Tyranny*; And I thought it my Duty to pray as publickly as I had opportunity, for the Conversion of that our then Prince, as being Assur'd, He must else by Death, or some mighty Hand (as it Fell out) be Removed from the Government within a short Time; His Administration being Intollerable to Prophecy, in the measures which He was so Resolv'd to take; And in the very Spring before his Removal, the *Epistle to the Reader* in that Foremention'd discourse, the *Call out of Babylon*, I thus concluded; And as for All *Ambidexters* Two Handed *Achilophelians* or *Judasses*, who think to find it in their Account, to be on both sides; as They are now the private Scorn and Despisal of the Age, so in Future Records, and not long hence, They will stand as *Pillars of Salt*; which how soon after, it came to pass in some very Remarkable Persons, we All know, and who in modesty to some Dead, and some Living, are not to be nam'd.

2. The Second Event is, What the Nation hath made Publick Acknowledgment of in a Sollemn Thanksgiving. This Summers Expedition into Ireland of a Sovereign, Established not only by Civil Sanction, but by Prophecy on the Throne of the Former Prince Remov'd.

Now as to this Expedition by a Memorial presented just before it, and I Hope still in many Honourable Hands of Those, to whom I most Humbly present this, It was according to Prophecy predicted.

1. That the King's Personal Presence with his Army in Ireland should be for his Honour: And in Answer to this, It may very well be call'd into doubt, whether ever any Prince or General Acquired Greater Glory, according to the Laws of Warlike Glory upon his own Personal Fortitude: But Prophecy teaches us to Ascribe that Glory wholly to God, as the Supreme Man of War, (as Moses styles Him) in that Action; and to Reserve only the Reflexion, which is indeed Greatest Honour, to the King, whom God Commanded not to Fear.

2. It was predicted, That God would make it Appear, He had Commanded Him, and would by no means Forsake Him, but would be with Him, as in his Coming into England, and would Return Him with Victory.

And thus it hath come to pass, The King is Return'd with the Sollemn Thanksgiving of the Nation to God, and universal Acclamations to Himself; And if any are otherwise minded, They are, as in a degree, Silent in Darknes; For God hath been pleased to pass the King safe, as through a thick Wood of Deaths, to Cover His Head as by Miracle in the Day of Battle; So to Poize the Motion of that Messenger of Death, That it came so near, as it were to Tell Him,

and All that Heard of it; It could Go so far, and no farther.

And as to the Success of the Expedition, It is such, as that the *Principal City*, and therewith the *Supreme Civil Power* was immediately, and so continues *de Facto* vested in the King. And as a Seal of it; the Former Prince God Remov'd from that Nation, even as from this, to declare Him the *Second Time*, *Intolerable to Prophecy*; And as to the delay of a perfect Conquest over the *Irish*, though *Ireland* be in a daily Motion of *Self Restitution* under the Freest and Fullest *Protestant Government* since the *Reformation*, Yet It is to be considered as under another *Position of Prophecy*, then *England*, or *Scotland*, (the *Natives* having been so devoted always to the *Papacy*) until nearer the *Great Revolution*, the *Kingdom of Christ* in Succession at 97. that it will be in a less entire Settlement.

3. It was Affirm'd according to *Prophecy*; That God would Secure the King's Interests in this Nation during his Absence; And How even to Amazement was this done in the most Peaceable, and even most Serene Administration of the *Supreme Government* by the Queen! and in sending that Enemy upon the Coasts back again, even after some Success, and Insolencies of Appearance, without effect in the main! and notwithstanding a design lay'd so sure, that it was thought Impossible by the Designers, (as some express'd Themselves,) without Miracle, The Government should not Revolve on King James. And in all this I have often declar'd, God working for His own Names sake, that is, for the *Kingdom of Christ's sake*, would pass over the mighty Provocations of the Nation, as is well known to us, He hath done, in all, He hath done for us.

3. A Third Great Event, which gives me Assurance; God hath vouchsafed me a True Judgment in *Prophecy*, is; That in the Beginning of the Summer in 87. When the *Turkish* Affairs gave such a Prospect of the Ruin of that Empire; and as I express'd it, the *Turkish Fall* seem'd to be on the Wing, yet I did with all Freedom, and yet with due Modesty in Honour to the *Christian Name*, Declare, and Publish, as is yet to be seen; That That Ruin or Fall could not be, till the Tenth, or Ten King'd Supremacy of the Great City of Rome should fall; that the *Turkish Woe* might pass away so, as that the *Antichristian Apostasie*, on which it was, and is a Judgment, might be first so Animadverted upon by God, that the *Sinful demeritorious Cause*, and the *Judicial Effect* might pass off together.

Now how strangely that *Turkish State* hath been Repriev'd from Ruin, notwithstanding the so many Stupendious Imperial Victories, and its Intestine Confusions; and how God hath given it the dreadful Face of a *Woe* again, is worthy the Consideration of All that Bear the Name of *Christians*, whether *Roman* or *Reform'd*. And till the



the *Forty Two Months* granted to the *Beast* shall be at an End, viz. 97. Its *Constantinopolitan PORT* shall not be *DE-PORTED*; Although this Just now *Re-Appearance* of that *Mahometan Force* as a *Woe*, and with Terror is very contrary to the declared Judgment of an *Apocalyptic Interpreter* of our own Nation, so Venerable, and so Learned, that I defer every Thing to Him, but only this; That in many very Great Points, He hath mist the True Key of that *Prophecy*.

Now seeing in All Great Predictions (against which there are Confident Prejudices, that They shall not come to pass) Those prejudices are as shutting the Mouth of the Prophet, that He shall not be so much heeded, even in his General Discourses, but styl'd a Fanatical, or Brainlick person; As God told *Ezekiel* when he wasto foretell the Destruction of *Jerusalem*, which the *Jews* thought impossible, They should lay Bands upon Him as on a Mad-Man: And this Generally continues, till the Great Event Fullfill'd, as it also Befell *Ezekiel*, till the City Taken, as in Symbol: So possibly I must wait for that Great Opening my Mouth with Authority, untill 97, or near it, if God should please so Long to sustain me.

But yet as *Ezekiel* Prophesied at God's Opening his Mouth, even all along as we find, till the City taken; And he that would, might Hear, and He that would Forbear, might, untill then, Forbear. So upon God's thus far Opening my Mouth, by Ratifying my Predictions with so very notable Events; I look upon it as my duty to present to the Supreme Authority, and Council of the Nation these Assurances beyond what I have assured upon the same Grounds.

1. That the Aspiring of any of the *Ten Kings* of this Formerly *Western-Roman-Empire*, to an *Universal Monarchy*, contrary to that variety of *Supreme Kingdoms*, God hath fixed in It, under the Emblem of *Ten Toes* in *Nebuchadnezzar's Image*, and *Ten Horns* on the Head of the *Fourth Beast*, viz. The *Roman Monarchy*, in his Vision of the *Four Beasts*, (and which the Apostle *John* saw Crowned;) This *Tenfold* division is so settled by God, that It cannot be changed, until, As They in *Ten* such *Supremacies* have Given their Power, and their Kingdom to the *Papal Beast* as a *Spiritual Universal Monarch*, that is, an *Universal Monarch* in an Image, as the *Prophecy* expresses it; So in the same *Ten Kingdoms*, as some have already, They All shall Hate the *Whore*, or *Roman Church*, and so Recall their Power from the *Beast*.

As therefore the *House of Austria* Aspir'd, and Fell Low in Power, and Reputation in this Thirst after an *Universal Monarchy*; Even so shall *France*; And as the dissipation of the *Spanish Armada* against *England*, was one very Remarkable Turn of the Scale, with Relation to the *House of Austria*, even so shall the *French Attempts* against *England* be Remark'd.

2. The

2. The *French Protestant Churches* cannot be long without some Redress, because the Time of the *Antichristian Apostasy* is now so near its end: From whence, and not from the *Three Years* and half of the *Witnesses lying dead*, I collect this Assurance; For I always look'd upon that as a mistaken Interpretation, however espous'd by the *Two so Learned and Reverend Persons Monsieur Jurieu*, and the Foremention'd Interpreter of our own Country.

Revel. 2.  
18. &c.

But I look upon the Church of *Thyatira*, as the Emblem of those Churches of the *Protestation*, that lye in the Bowels of Princes who yet own *Antichristian Rome*; of which there is none so eminent, and conspicuous, as the *French Protestant Churches*, either for the Greatness of their Body, or for their Former Vindications of Themselves, or for their Great Sufferings, with whom the *Vandois* are Allied; Now it is said, Their *Last Works* shall be Greater then their First, and as their Sufferings, so shall Their Vindication be; and They shall see the First Rising of the *Morning Star* to the Day of the *Kingdom of Christ* in Succession, from whence I conclude; Their Deliverance is very near, and They shall Break their *Papal Oppressors*, as with a Rod of Iron in their *Last Works*.

3. Seeing there is an Extraordinary Concurrence of Gracious Signatures of God upon our present Sovereign, There is Great Hope God will stir Him up to Appear at this Time in so Honourable a Service, as Scripture styles it, as of *Helping the Lord* against Those *Mighties*; And if God be pleas'd to stir Him up, He will undoubtedly y Appear with Him; For I am Bold in our God to say, I shall not be mistaken in our King, as to some Extraordinary Service God hath to do by Him, the Time being so near; although Mr. Mede of a most Honourable Memory for his *Apocalyptic Key*, was in that ever Noble *Gustavus Adolphus*, the time being then so much further off; and that on these Great Reasons.

1. That He is the Third Descendent of that Great Prince of *Orange*, by whom God was pleas'd in the *United Provinces* to propagate the *Protestancy*, and to give that Curbe to the grasp of that Time after the *Universal Monarchy*; And because He Fell a *Martyr* in it, and Receiv'd no Recompence from the Bounty of God, Equal, after the General Estimate of Providence, to that Service, I doubt not God hath Reserv'd it for his Posterity, and for the Prince that He hath Rais'd at this Time to be so Serviceable to the *Protestant Religion*, and Inspir'd with so much Zeal and Courage for it.

2. Our King, as Prince of *Orange*, but now under Greater styles, is One of the Princes, and Nobles of *France*, that as the *First Works* of those Churches were principally by Princes, and Nobles proceeding of Themselves; In the same manner shall their Last Greater Works  
be

be done ; In which Regard, our King Appears an Instrument fitted by God, as a Prince and Noble proceeding from *Themselves*.

3. God made *England* a Help, and a Succour by *Queen Elizabeth* to those *Afflicted Churches*, though still the Greatest Effects were from *Themselves*; so It is to be both Hoped, and Prayed, that as their Refugees have by a Superior Providence working for them, Found even in the Former Reign, however of contrary Sentiments, Sanctuary here; So much more Vigorous, and Potent shall their Assistances be, under not only a Protestant Prince, but of so Eminent Love to, and Zeal for the Protestant Religion; As Already there are Great Evidences of the Love, Zeal, and Forwardness of the *Supreme Council* of the Nation, and their Unanimity herein; and Greatest Effects are Hop'd and Pray'd for from thence.

4. That very Oracle, The *Last Works of the Church of Thyatira* shall be Greater then the *First*, is to me an Account, why the *Confederate Armies* have had so low effects of their *Confederacy*, Because their Princes and Nobles, of whom our King is one, shall proceed of *Themselves*.

5. Above All I persevere, that within the Six next Summers, viz. in 97. The *Kingdom of Christ* shall be in its Succession, the *Antichristian*, and *Turkish Tyranny* shall Fall, and a Great Re-Reformation En-sue. And now if These Things shall seem of value to so Sovereign an Authority, and to be every way Revered most Honourable an Assembly; Let it please them to take Care, that Consideration may be had, whether upon Just Grounds, what is, or hath been offer'd, can be Refus'd, viz. on due Debates according to *Records of Scripture, Chronology, History, Reason and Experience*, without any other Reflexions, then what enter into the *Merits of the Cause*; For I Take to Witness the *Searcher of Hearts*; that as what I have now written, is not in Flattery or Dissimulation; so what I have formerly presented, with Relation to the *Church of England*, hath not been from any undervalue of the Personal Holiness, and Learning of any of Eminency or Lowest Name therein, for whom I have all possible Love and Honour; but on both sides from most Assured Grounds in Prophecy; That God will in an Extraordinary manner be present with the King, if He calls Him to Greater Services for His own Approaching Kingdom, as It is most Earnestly to be pray'd He may, His Honour and His Safety being therein Complicated; and that those in Highest Stations in the *Church of England* may know; The State of it, and their present manner of State in it hath but few Years more of duration, and that the Great Senate of this Nation may by understanding the Times, and the Signs of Them, know what They ought to do, a Revolution so Great, indeed being so near as 97.

My

My most Humble Petition therefore is, That if to the most Dread *Sovereigns*, and to the *High Court of Parliament*, it shall not be made to Appear; That what hath been publickly offer'd as a *Table of Scripture Prophecy*, and its *Calendar of Time*, is upon Foundations, either Inconsistent with Themselves, or Contradictory to *Scripture*, *Chronology*, *History* or *Reason*; There may be an Eye Had in all Consultations, and Actions thereunto, as to the *Testimony of Jesus*, and so to the *Spirit of Prophecy*; Seeing It is most Agreeable to all *Christian* and *Protestant Reason*, God should give to so Illustrious a *Sovereign Power*, *Senate*, and to so Great *Protestant Nations*, some signs of so Great, and so near an Approaching Time; And that Your most Self Abased Minister of *Jesus Christ* in these *Prophecies* may be supported, and enabled to Revise, Perfect, and Publish his whole Table, and present it together to so *Supreme Powers*, as a Volume that will within Six next ensuing Summers, Justifie it self, and further our Accounts at the *Kingdom*, and Appearing of our Infinitely Paramount *Lord Jesus Christ*.

And if This Petition Receive Favour, let also the Council of so Humble a Minister of, and according to the *Prophecies of Jesus Christ*, be Accepted to so Great Estates; In which, I Appeal to God, I most Humbly and Earnestly pray, I may speak as, and only as the *Oracles of God* in these Four Moments of Advice from *Prophecy*.

*Advice 1.* That the *Arms* of the *Protestant Refugees* of *France* of the *Vaudois*, of *Protestants* in general, be more valued, and under God more Relyed upon, then mixed *Confederacies*, with *Kingdoms* and *States*, that yet Give their Power to the *Roman Beast*.

Give leave therefore to Weigh in the Ballance of the *Sanctuary* each part; First, shewing the disadvantages to be Feared in mixed *Confederacies*, in Two Things.

1. It ought to be well pondered, that at this very Time, All *Princes* and *States*, who yet Give their *Kingdom* to the *Beast*, are therein, as yet in a *State of War* with the *Lamb*, that is with *Jesus Christ*, now about to Reprize wholly, and perfectly his *Kingdom* from that *Antichrist*.

Now seeing the Main Cause of Dispute at this Time betwixt this Nation and *France*, is a *Protestant Government*, and indeed the *Protestant Religion* in general in the World; Whether the *Lamb* will Accept the Service of Them, who are in *Actual War*, is much to be doubted; especially, when He hath been, and is still giving such mighty Demonstrations of his Presence with us, and of his *Arm made Bare* in this very *Protestant Cause*; It may be very dangerous to over-value the *Arm of Flesh* in such a *Confederacy*. In this Case we should



should be as much Ashamed, as *Ezra* of *Persian Assurances*; Seeing that the Hand of our God is for Good on all Them that seek Him, and His Wrath is against All Them that Forsake Him at this Time, as to the great Cause of Protestancy; For this God hath now written in this Nation with a Sun Beam.

2. The Success that hath hitherto Attended this Confederacy, is not such as to give any Hopes, God will manifest Himself with it; He hath suffer'd all the Motions of it to be Clogg'd, and Heavy, to prove Ineffectual, and on the Loosing Hand; as it were to declare, The Principals in it, are not yet Instruments fitted for his Service in the Prosecution of that Interest, He is now pursuing in the World, and so particularly in these Nations.

3. We know, the most Native Administration of Government in the Grand Confederates, is Persecution of the Protestant Religion, and Inquisition upon it: What Wonder then, if such Blended Interests are un-successful? And it is now the more considerable, that the Wheels of Providence, where Things are Right set, will be, as we have seen, with a Divine speed.

But I do Freely Acknowledge, There are Two Things that seem to Counterway, and Incline to the Confederacy on the other side.

1. That as it hath been said, the State of the *Western Christendom*, (as It may be call'd; but is indeed in the Greater parts of it *Antichristendom*) is by *Prophecy* determin'd into Ten, or a Multiplicity of Kingdoms; On this Account, Any of the Ten, though if not Revuls'd from the Beast, they are in *Prophetic Language*, Horns of the Papacy, may yet be us'd by God, as heretofore, to hold that Multiplicity Equal and Firm; and so may serve to Reduce any one, that would swell beyond its due Scituation, and Proportion of Room on that Head: And this is indeed the Highest Amount of what hath been, and very Hardly hath been done by the Confederacy as yet; God having suffer'd for great Reasons, as will ere long Appear, so dangerous an Extravagation of the French Power, even as if it were the *Beastian Power*, and in its 666. as some Learned Men have Thought among us, but will soon so Retrench it, as to shew that opinion to be meer mistake, and I am assur'd especially by Those, I have Just now declar'd.

2. How far the Confederacy of Protestants with Papal Powers, may be of use to Encline them to the Reformation, God having made use of outward Force not so much, in Enclining Princes to Fall off from Rome in the Beginning Reformation, as of more Evangelical Methods, Rational, and Free Communications of Truth, Providential, and Friendly Obligations, much more now; But I fear the Time of the great Re-Reformation, though so near, is not near enough at this Time to hope yet for so Blessed a Fruit of the Confederacy, nor does any Thing Appear like it.

*Adv. 2.* I would most Humbly Advise, that there might be under so Great an Authority, and Influence, an *Assembly* of Men, Learned and Loving the *Kingdom* of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, who might discover so Admirable a part, (Hitherto it may be call'd a *Terra Incognita*) of Scripture, even the Stupendious *Prophecies* of it; First, by Single, and then Compared and Joyned endeavours; For They now are big, and ready to Travel in their Completion; The Ignorance of which, is a greater Reproach of *Theologers*, then some Diseases of *Physicians*, and is a Judiciary Blindness on all Christians during the *Apostasy*. The Affairs of Nations are more concern'd therein, then in Forming Armies, and Equipping Navys, which are but Subordinate to those Completions, and often not so much as that, as we have seen.

I am bold to say, if I had, as now God hath vouchsafed me, understood Prophecy in the Years 48, 50, and soonward in the very Top of Those Powers over the Nation, and kept close and steddily to the Guidance of it; I should certainly have Foreseen the Re-enslating the Church of England, that lay then in the Dust, and so of the Royal Family that should do it.

And as according to Prophecy, even in the Full Tyde of the Imperial Victories, I declar'd the Impossibility of the Turks, being dismounted from the Constantinopolitan Heights; Even so, and much more might by such Compared Researches, the Affairs of Nations, and Churches be so understood, as to be Conducted with greater Judgment, and Resolution; And what could so great a Protestant Assembly take with more Sageness and Honour under their Care and Patronage, of more Honour then Ptolemy's 70?

Particularly the State of the present Government in the Assurance of its Stability rests on the Resolution of one Illustrious Point of Prophecy, viz. The Slaying of the Witnesses, whether It be past or not; For if it were not, seeing the True Sense of it is a Suppression of All Protestant Churches for a Time, It is not I, but the Thing it self speaks, This Revolution must of necessity Revolve.

For as in Rescue of these Nations from the Return of Popery, This Revolution came, even miraculously to pass, much more by the Fullfilling of Prophecy, then by Humane Sageſſe or Power; So if such a Slaying of the Witnesses were ye to be; There would certainly to serve Providence therein, be a Return of Romish Power, which must of necessity Roll back this Revolution.

But although the mention of the Three days, and a Half as the most Immediate Precedent of their Rising, and its Great Concomitants seem to Favour such an Apprehension, Although the Sense of many excellent Persons, and very understanding in Prophecy, particularly if Truly His, that Prophecy of A. B. Usher, encline that way; and  
Lastly,

Lastly, Although the usual manner of God Introducing his great Deliverances by very dark Prefaces, would much perswade it; Yet as I am most Assured, the main Sense (as I have already published) of the *Three Days and a Half*, Intends a much Longer Time, even the whole Deep Time of the *Antichristian Reign*, parallel to the Lying of *Christ in the Grave*; so there are great Considerations that assure me, There cannot be so much as an *Epitome*, or *Compendious Slaying of the Witnesses*, or so dark a State upon *Protestancy* yet to come.

1. Because the Time of the *Witnesses* Full and Total Rising, is so near, that there cannot possibly be Time for the Operation of the Instruments of their suppression, or *Slaying*, of their *Lying Dead*, and then for their *Rising*.

2. Because there is a State of *Protestant Churches*, that are so secur'd, as by a Divine Determination; That They cannot from their First Settlement in the *Reformation* be any more Reduced under *Popish Slavery*; of which sort, one of the Principal is the *Church of England*; as Appear'd by the sudden Jealousie, that awoke at those Essays of *Poverty* to Re-Invade it; and the universal Zeal of the Nation to Stemm that Tyde that was offering to Flow in, was a most undoubted Impression from Heaven, upon so many that have too little Sense of the Power of that profession upon Them to be otherwise mov'd.

And if It should seem to be any Objection, that the *Church of England* lay so long suppress'd as from 42, to 60. I have no desire to say it, but Truth obliges me to say, that even that Judgment upon it was for its so Voluntary Returns to more in the *Synagogue of Sathan*, under the pretence of Antiquity, then could be Allowed by its very own Standard of *Reformation*, and as a Sample of the perfect Removal of that its very Standard (as not Seal'd in the *Sanctuary*, nor of *Ezekiel's* Just *Temple-Weights, Measures*,) and so to be by the great Re-Reformation Broken.

3. Those Suffering *Reformed Churches* have but Time before the Full Rising of the *Witnesses*, to do their Last Greater Works then their First, and to see the Dawns of the *Morning Star* in their Vindication from, and Victory over their Oppressors.

Adv. 3. Let it please so great Princes, and Councils, to set before Them the Late Doings of God by the *Turkish*, again prevailing Force, and judge whether it does not, as in a Mirrour, shew such a Lengthning out of that *Woe* on the so called *Christian World*, while the *Idolatrous Worship of Wood and Stone*, the *Thefts*, the *Sorceries*, and *Fornications of the Romish Communion* still continue; And that this very Thing might be, and hath been predicted according to *Prophecy*; and therefore of how great Moment, Judgment according to *Prophecy* is, even beyond Victory it self, It being predicted in the midst of *Imperial Victories*. And

And therefore the *whole Council* of God, as to the *Powers* of these Nations cannot be declar'd by Preaching, without Research of *Prophecy*, especially Concerning the *Kingdom of Christ*, and continual regard had to it, Let the *Reason* or *Rethorick* of Such discourses be otherwise never so Great.

*Adv. 4.* Let it please the *King*, and the *Queen*, and the *Nobles*, and the *Commons* in *Parliament* Assembled; that the most Powerful *Scripture-way* of Preaching and Prayer, may have All Advantages of Encouragement given, to spread abroad in *Cities*, *Towns*, and *Countreys*; and most Eminently in *Camps* and *Navies*, that the Spirit of Debauchery, *Prophaness*, and *Atheisticness*, that is so Prodigiously abroad, may be quenched; And that Choice of Persons, who are to Adventure their Lives, may be made so far, as is possible, of such, who have a Knowledge of that Excellent Cause, *Protestancy*; for which They so adventure: For though with very *Un-Reform'd* Protestants, as once He said with *Wounded Men*, God hath and will still work for his Names sake for a while; Yet nearer the *Kingdom of Christ* He will not endure such Persons; Let us therefore prepare a *High way for our God*, and make *His Paths straight*: And They who thus Honour God, He will honour, but They who despise him, shall be *Lightly esteemed*.

Let us not therefore (to Conclude) Hope their Hope, not Fear their Fear, whomeasure All safety, and success by a *Confederacy*, tho' mixed on one side, and Slavishly Fear a *Papal Confederacy* on the other; But let us Sanctifie the Lord of Hosts Himself, with an Emphasis, as we are commanded, and let *Him be our Fear and our Dread*. *Isa. 8. 13.*

Let us know, God Alarms the *King*, and these Nations, to serve Him in *France*; And it is to be hoped and pray'd, rather then that we should not, He will necessitate us; For if we do not, it is most certain, the Government will Fall into Dishonour first, and then into Confusion, Lastly, into Ruin.

Now if These Things be despised, disbelieved or Ridicul'd, It is but what Reception *Prophecy*, however Administred hath always Found in the World; But it cannot be Judged by *Mans day*, I count therefore nothing dear to Fulfill this *Ministry*, and I shall always Rejoyce in its Acceptance, so as may abound to the Account of the Accepters; Especially in Yours, to me Most Awful *Supreme Powers*; For whom I daily bow my Knees, as a *Minister* of *Jesus Christ* to so great *Principalities*, *Ministring* to you the *Divine Prophecies*; and that Your (not to say, mine) Offering up Your selves according to them, may be a *Sacrifice Acceptable to God*, being Sanctified by the *Holy Ghost*.

F I N I S. 4 N059



